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THE FREEDON NADD UPRISING

These are the recondite histories of the ancient order of Jedi Knights, as recorded in the crystalline recesses of the Jedi Holocron.

The period four thousand years before the birth of Luke Skywalker marked a turning point in the history of the Galactic Republic. During that time, two young Jedi became respected throughout the galaxy for their heroic exploits in great battles with the dark side of the Force. Their names were **Ulic Qel-Droma** and **Nomi Sunrider**.

We take up an early chapter in their saga on the planet **Onderon**, a world long-divided into warring tribes. Following the death of **Queen Amanoa of Iziz**, her daughter **Galia** has ascended to the throne, sharing power with her husband, the Beast-Lord **Oron Kira**.

For a time it seemed that Jedi Master **Arca** and his three Jedi apprentices (**Ulic**, his brother **Cay Qel-Droma**, and **Tott Doneeta**) had succeeded in bringing peace to divided Onderon. But many Onderonians still worship the memory of **Freedon Nadd**, a dark Jedi who ruled the planet centuries earlier.

Joining with mutinous officers of Onderon's royal military, the Naddists are staging violent protests inside the great walled city of Iziz. Queen **Galia's** new government is already on the verge of collapse...

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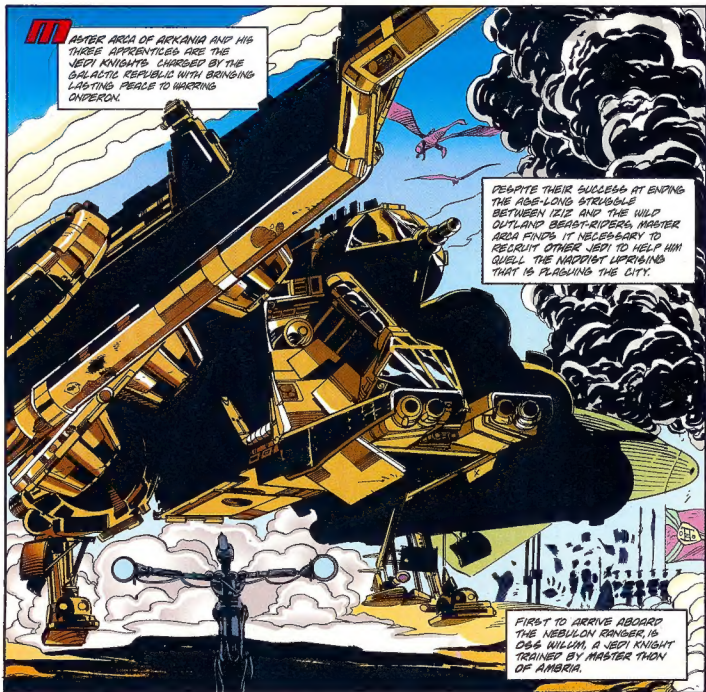
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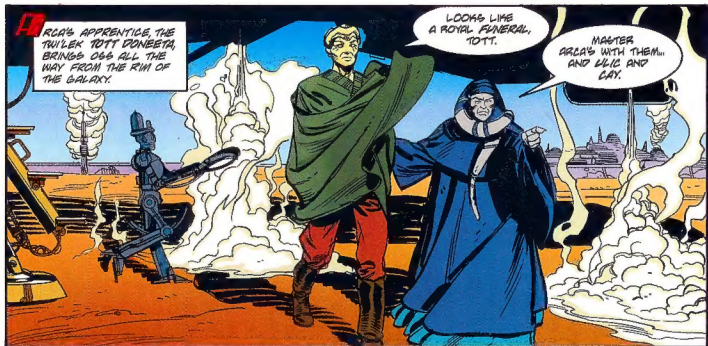
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MASTER ARGA OF ARKANIA AND HIS THREE APPRENTICES ARE THE JEDI KNIGHTS CHARGED BY THE GALACTIC REPUBLIC WITH BRINGING LASTING PEACE TO HARRING ONDERON.

DESPITE THEIR SUCCESS AT ENDING THE AGE-LONG STRUGGLE BETWEEN IZIZ AND THE WILD OUTLAND BEAST-RIDERS, MASTER ARGA FINDS IT NECESSARY TO RECRUIT OTHER JEDI TO HELP HIM QUELL THE NADDIST UPRISING THAT IS PLAGUING THE CITY.

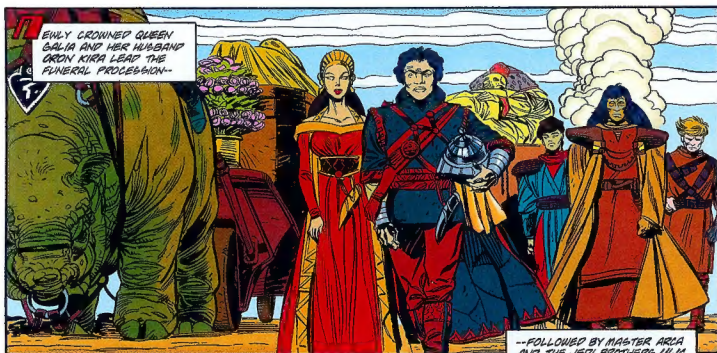
FIRST TO ARRIVE ABOARD THE NEBULON FRIGATE, IS OSS WILDM, A JEDI KNIGHT TRAINED BY MASTER THON OF AMBRIA.



RCA'S APPRENTICE, THE TWILEK TOTT DUNEETA, BRINGS OSS ALL THE WAY FROM THE RIM OF THE GALAXY.

LOOKS LIKE A ROYAL FUNERAL, TOTT.

MASTER ARGA'S WITH THEM... AND LILIC AND LAY.



NEWLY CROWNED QUEEN GALIA AND HER HUSBAND ORON KIRA LEAD THE FUNERAL PROCESSION--

--FOLLOWED BY MASTER ARCA AND THE JEDI BROTHERS ULIC AND CAY GEL-PROMA.



ARCA HAS ORDERED THAT THE STONE SARCOPHAGI CONTAINING THE REMAINS OF FREEDON NADEP AND QUEEN AMANCHA BE REMOVED FROM THE PLANET TO ONE OF ITS FOUR MOONS--



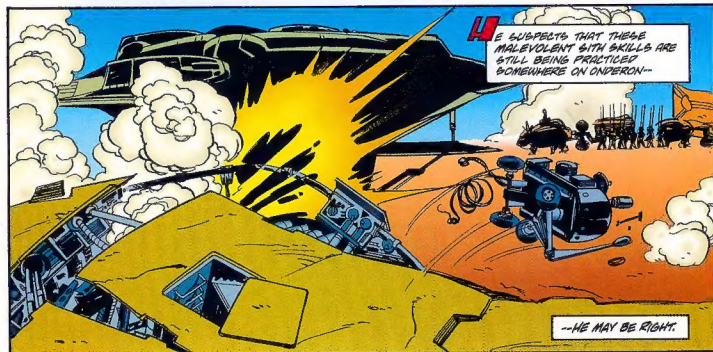
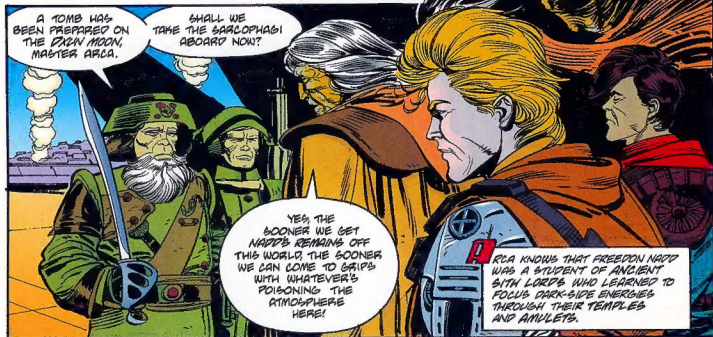
MASTER ARCA, OBI WILUN HAS AGREED TO HELP US WITH OUR WORK.

IT IS A GREAT HONOR TO SERVE YOU...

BUT MASTER ARCA... YOU LOOK UNWELL!

THE DARK SIDE OF THE FORCE... THE CITY IS STILL PERMEATED WITH IT...

IT'S AFFECTING ALL OF US.



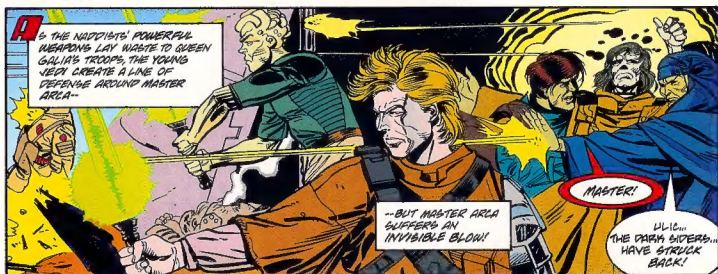


WITHOUT WARNING, A MIGHTY WAR MACHINE ERUPTS THROUGH THE SURFACE OF THE SPACEPORT!

THE MACHINE IS MANNED BY DISSENTIENT MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL ARMED FORCES, FIGHTING UNDER A NEW FLAG PROCLAIMING THEIR ALLEGIANCE TO THE POWER OF FREEDOM NADID.

THEIR LEADER IS AN ARMORED WARRIOR WHO COMBINED MARTIAL PROWESS WITH HIS PRACTICE IN THE DARK SIDE OF THE FORCE. WAKES NOLL, AN...

TAKE THE QUEEN... I'LL DEAL WITH THE INTRUDERS!



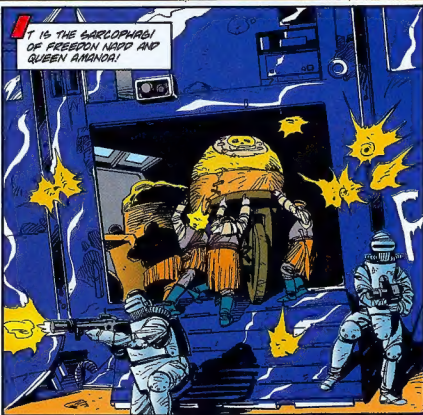
BUT THE REAL OBJECT OF THE ASSAULT IS NEITHER QUEEN GALIA NOR THE GREAT JEDI MASTER--

ALL RIGHT, MEN--WE'VE GOT WHAT WE CAME FOR!

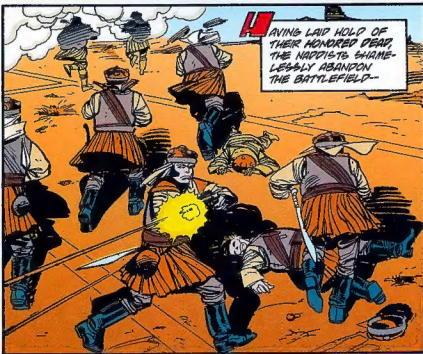
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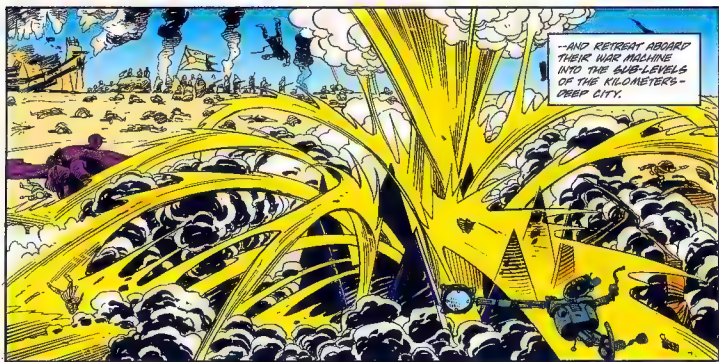


IT IS THE SARCOPHAGUS OF FREEDON NADD AND QUEEN AMANDA!



HAVING LAD HOLD OF THEIR HONORED DEAD, THE NADDISTS SHAMELESSLY ABANDON THE BATTLEFIELD--





--AND RETREAT ABOARD THEIR WAR MACHINE INTO THE SUB-LEVELS OF THE KILOMETER'S-DEEP CITY.



MASTER RAGA... ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

DID YOU FEEL IT? THE DARKNESS...HAD AMAZING STRENGTH. SOMETHING TERRIBLE IS AT WORK.

IT IS AS I FEARED--FREEDON NARD AND QUEEN AMANDA ARE DEAD...BUT THEIR SITH MAGIC IS VERY MUCH ALIVE!



MAYBE MY FATHER... CAN...HELP US.



YOUR FATHER?

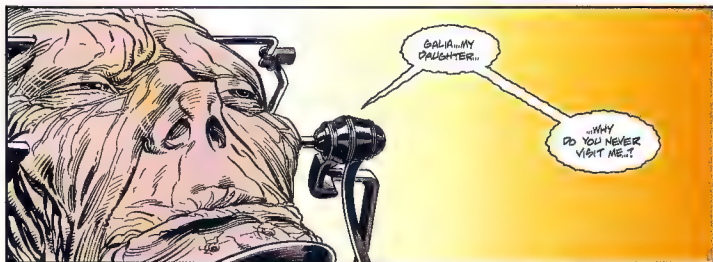
YES, HE'S BEEN CONFINED IN A LIFE-SUPPORT FACILITY... FOR MANY YEARS.

MORE THAN MY MOTHER...HE UNDERSTANDS THE DARK SIDE.



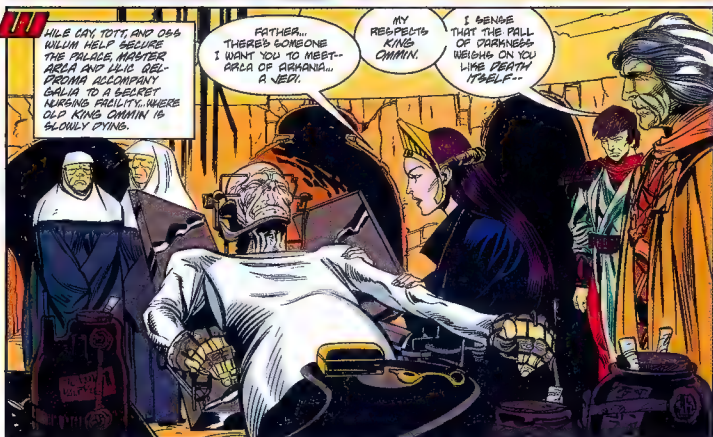
THEN HE'S OUR BEST HOPE--

I MUST SEE HIM.



GALIA...MY DAUGHTER...

...WHY DO YOU NEVER VISIT ME...?



WILE CAY, TOTT, AND OSS WILUM HELP SECURE THE PALACE, MASTER ARCA AND LLIC GEL-FROMMA ACCOMPANY GALIA TO A SECRET NURSING FACILITY...WHERE OLD KING OMMIN IS SLOWLY DYING.

FATHER... THERE'S SOMEONE I WANT YOU TO MEET-- RALA OF ARAGANA... A JEDI.

MY RESPECTS KING OMMIN.

I BEMGE THAT THE PALL OF DARKNESS WEIGHS ON YOU LIKE DEATH ITSELF--

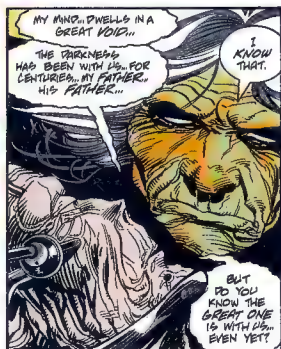


LISTEN TO ME, OLD MAN-- I WANT THE SARCOPHAGUS OF FREEDON NADD.

W-WHAT? I DON'T UNDERSTAND. I DON'T UNDERSTAND.

I AM GLAD THE JEDI HAVE COME TO ONDERON.

BEND CLOSER JEDI... OMMIN WILL TELL YOU A SECRET.



MY MIND DWELLS IN A GREAT VOID...

THE DARKNESS HAS BEEN WITH US... FOR CENTURIES... MY FATHER... HIS FATHER...

I KNOW THAT.

BUT DO YOU KNOW THE GREAT ONE IS WITH US... EVEN YET?



THE AIR SIZZLES WITH BLUE FIRE AS A SPIRIT FORM TAKES SHAPE BEHIND THE DYING KING.

IT IS HIM! FREEDON NADD!

BUT HE'S BEEN DEAD FOR FOUR HUNDRED YEARS!



YES MY MUMMIFIED FLESH SLEEPS ON STONE.

BUT THIS OLD MAN CALLED MY SPIRIT BACK FROM CHAOS...

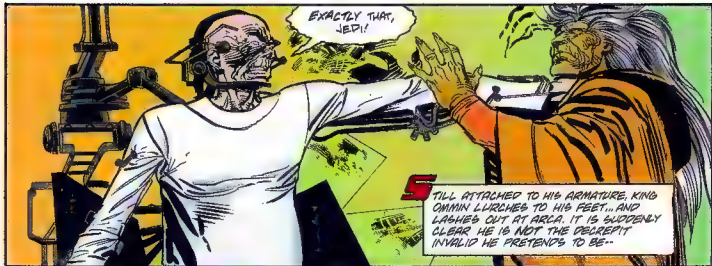
I HAVE GIVEN HIM MY KNOWLEDGE.

FEAR ME NOT, JETI. I AM POWERLESS IN MY PRESENT STATE.



I UNDERSTAND WHY THE DARK SIDE HAS CONTINUED TO FILL THIS CITY... EVEN AFTER THE DEATH OF QUEEN AMANOA.

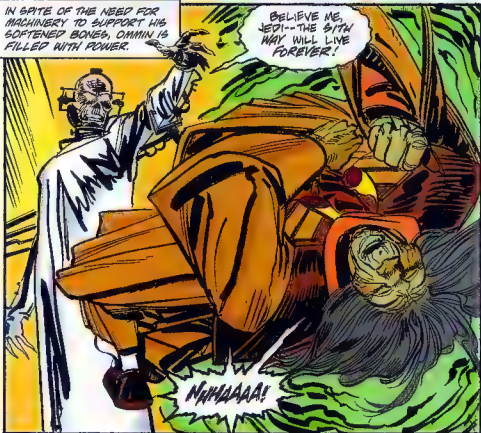
ALL THE WHILE KING OMMIN HAS BEEN PRACTICING SITH MAGIC... THAT HE LEARNED FROM YOU!



EXACTLY THAT, JEDI!

S TILL ATTACHED TO HIS ARMATURE, KING OMMIN LURCHES TO HIS FEET... AND LASHES OUT AT ARCA. IT IS SUDDENLY CLEAR HE IS NOT THE DECEITFUL INVALID HE PRETENDS TO BE--

IN SPITE OF THE NEED FOR MACHINERY TO SUPPORT HIS SOFTENED BONES, OMMIN IS FILLED WITH POWER.



BELIEVE ME, JEDI!--THE SIXTH WAY WILL LIVE FOREVER!

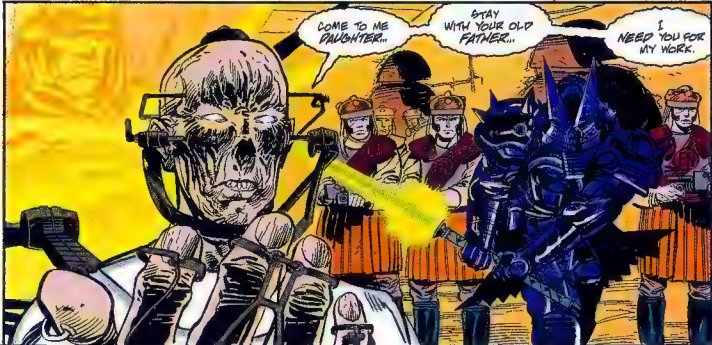
NAHAHAHA!



ULIC RUSHES TO ARCA'S SIDE--

MASTER!

--AAIEEE! ARCA'S SMOTHERED IN DARK-SIDE ENERGY!



COME TO ME DAUGHTER...

STAY WITH YOUR OLD FATHER...

I NEED YOU FOR MY WORK.



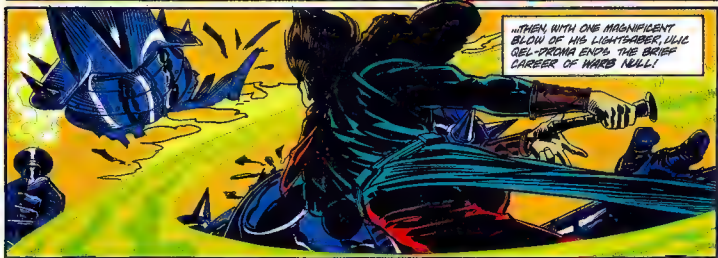


AS THE DARK SPIRIT OF FREEDOM
NAPO VANISHES, CHAMIN CARRIES
OFF THE BODY OF MASTER ARCA.

HIS FIERCENESS
REDOUBLED, ULIC IS
DETERMINED TO BRING
DOWN THE ARMORED
DARK RIDER AND
REDEEM HIS MASTER!

THE EVIL WARRIOR
PREGES A WALL OF
DARK FORCE AGAINST
HIS OPPONENT, SEEKING
TO EXTINGUISH ULIC'S
WILL--

--ULIC FEELS HIS
STRENGTH BEGIN
TO EBB--



WITH ONE MAGNIFICENT
BLOW OF HIS LIGHTSABER, ULIC
GEL-DROMA END'S THE BRIEF
CAREER OF WAR'S NULL!



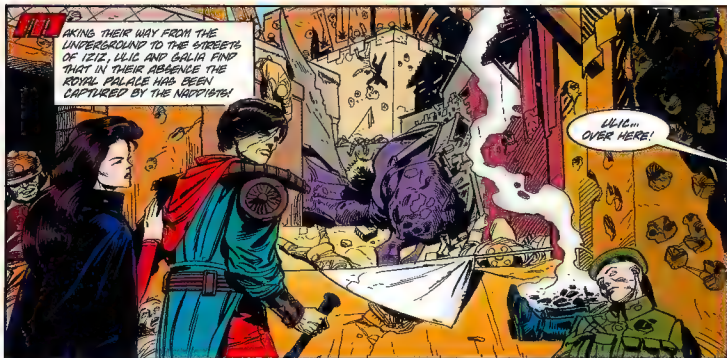
VICTORIOUS ULIC FEELS
NO VIBRATION...
ONLY A DARK
VERTIGO--

MY HEAD...
I FEEL LIKE
I'M FALLING
FROM A GREAT
HEIGHT.

THEY'VE
TAKEN ARCA...
I CAN'T SENSE
WHERE HE IS. DID
YOU SEE WHICH
WAY THEY
WENT?

I'M NOT
SURE.

THEN LET'S
GET THE OTHERS.
WE'RE GOING TO NEED
HELP--LOTS OF
HELP.



111
 TAKING THEIR WAY FROM THE UNDERGROUND TO THE STREETS OF IZIZ, ULIC AND GALIA FIND THAT IN THEIR ABSENCE THE ROYAL PALACE HAS BEEN CAPTURED BY THE NADDISTS!

ULIC...
 OVER HERE!



WHERE'S ARLA?

THEY'VE GOT HIM, LAY... IT'S MY FAULT.

THAT'S NOT TRUE. ULIC DID EVERYTHING HE COULD.

THE PALACE IS FALLEN. WE NEED TO GET GALIA AWAY FROM HERE.

I HAVE A WARBEAST READY.

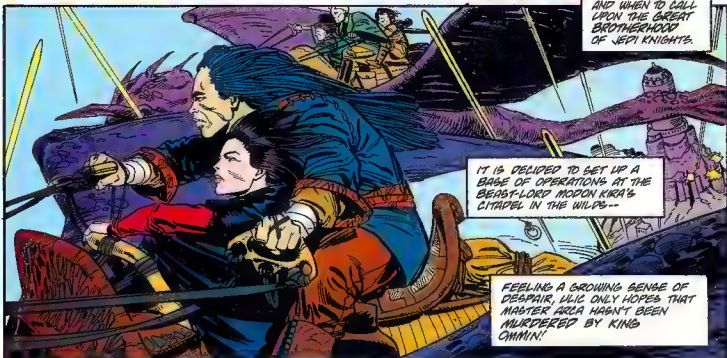
IT'S TRANSPORTING WARRIOR TEAMS TO MODON KIRA'S CITADEL... AS SOON AS WE GETS BALU, WE CAN RESCUE ARLA.



IF THE DARK SIDE COULD TAKE MASTER ARLA, THEN IT'S TOO STRONG FOR US. WE'RE GOING TO NEED MORE JEDI KNIGHTS...

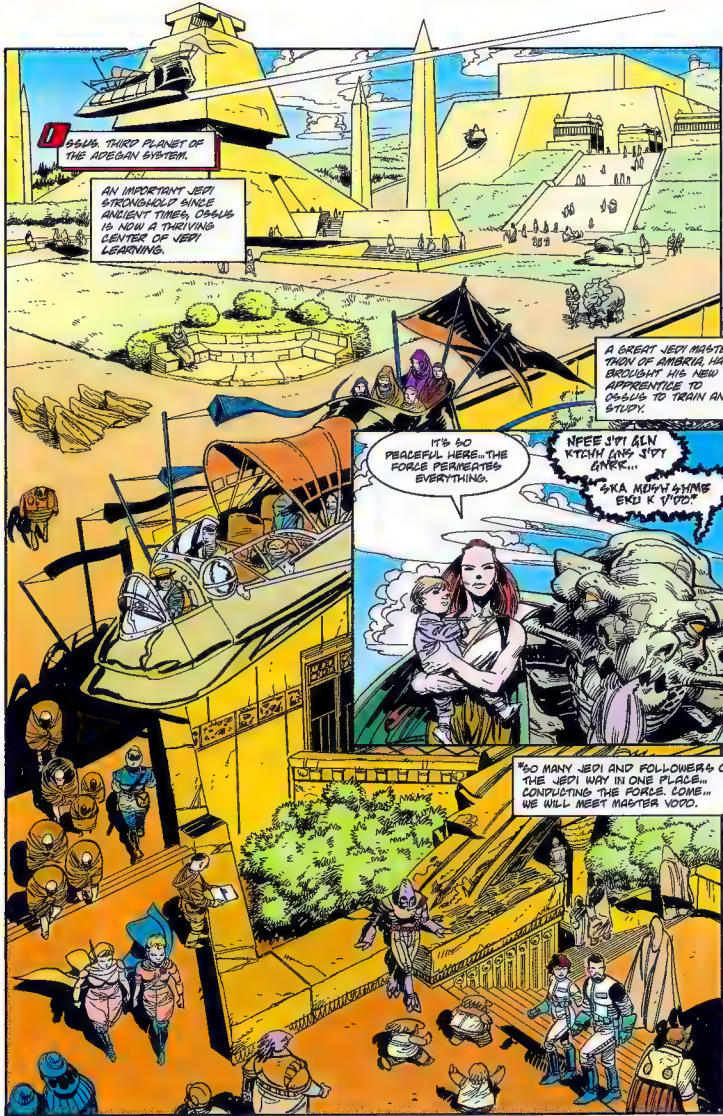
--AND THE FORCES OF THE REPUBLIC!

JEDI KNOWS WHEN TO ACT ALONE... AND WHEN TO CALL UPON THE GREAT BROTHERHOOD OF JEDI KNIGHTS.



IT IS DECIDED TO SET UP A BASE OF OPERATIONS AT THE BEAST-LORD MODON KIRA'S CITADEL IN THE WILDS--

FEELING A GROWING SENSE OF DESPAIR, ULIC ONLY HOPES THAT MASTER ARLA HASN'T BEEN MURDERED BY KING OMMIN!



OSSUS, THIRD PLANET OF THE ADEGAN SYSTEM.

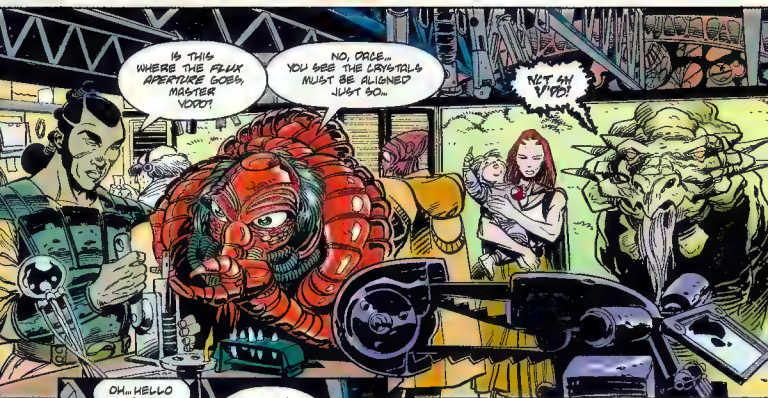
AN IMPORTANT JEDI STRONGHOLD SINCE ANCIENT TIMES, OSSUS IS NOW A THRIVING CENTER OF JEDI LEARNING.

A GREAT JEDI MASTER, TRON OF AMERKA, HAS BROUGHT HIS NEW APPRENTICE TO OSSUS TO TRAIN AND STUDY.

IT'S SO PEACEFUL HERE... THE FORCE PERMEATES EVERYTHING.

NFEF S'YI ALN KTEHH ANS S'YI ANER...
S'KA MESH S'YI ANER K'Y'YD.

SO MANY JEDI AND FOLLOWERS OF THE JEDI WAY IN ONE PLACE... CONDUCTING THE FORCE COME... WE WILL MEET MASTER YODA.



IS THIS
WHERE THE FLUX
APERTURE GOES,
MASTER
VODD?

NO, ORCE...
YOU SEE THE CRYSTALS
MUST BE ALIGNED
JUST SO...

NOT AN
V'VO!

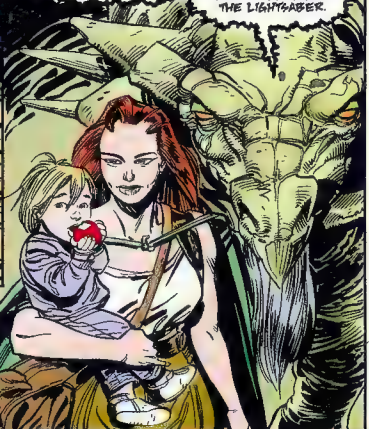


OH...HELLO
THON...

HAVE
YOU BROUGHT
MY NEW
STUDENT?

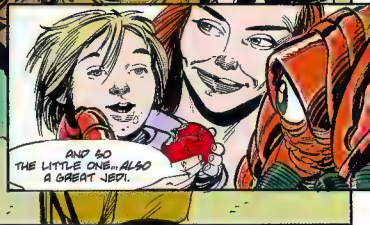
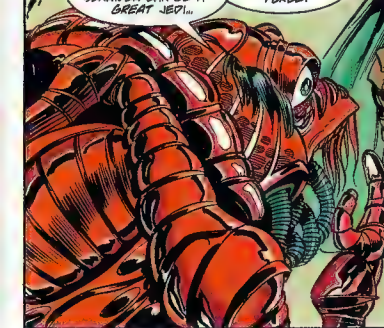
NATCHA, MY APPRENTICE,
NOMI SUNRIDER...AND HER
DAUGHTER VIMA.

NOMI IS
READY TO LEARN
HOW TO CONSTRUCT
THE LIGHTSABER.

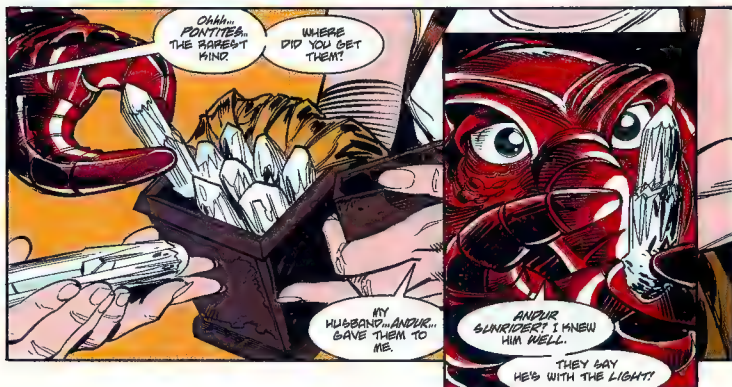
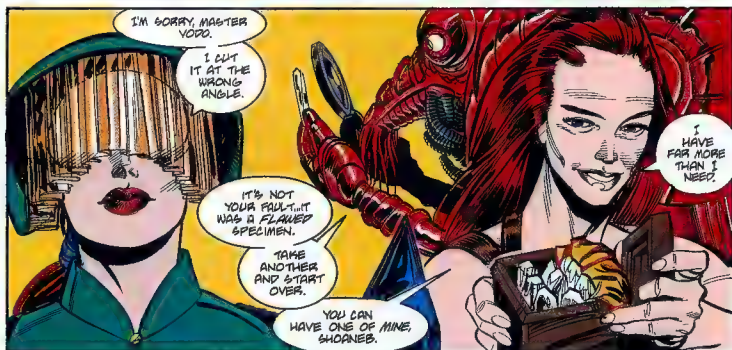
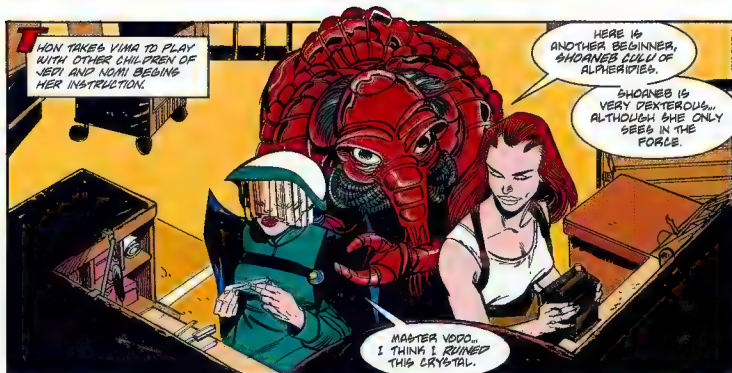


Hummm. THE FORCE
TELLS ME THAT NOMI
SUNRIDER CAN BE A
GREAT JEDI!...

...IF SHE
LISTENS TO THE
FORCE.



AND SO
THE LITTLE ONE...ALSO
A GREAT JEDI.



DURING THE WEEKS THAT FOLLOW, NOMI ADVANCES RAPIDLY IN THE JEDI WAY...UNTIL ONE DAY A FATEFUL ASSEMBLY IS CALLED--

JEDI MASTER ARLA
HAS FALLEN TO SITH SORCERY
ON ONDERON.

A TEAM OF JEDI
KNIGHTS IS NEEDED TO
HELP RESCUE HIM.

THE ENTIRE ASSEMBLY
VOLUNTEERS FOR THE
ASSIGNMENT--

--BUT ONLY FIVE JEDI
ARE CHOSEN--

DACE...SHANES CULU...
GRRRL TOQ...KITH KARK...

...AND NOMI
SUNRIDER.

MASTER THEN CONGRATULATES
NOMI. "SURELY THIS IS A SIGN,"
HE TELLS HER. "YOUR SPIRIT IS
RUSHING TOWARD DESTINY!"

IN OM's CHILD VIMA, WILL BE
QUITE SAFE AMONG HER
NEWFOUND FRIENDS ON
THE JEDI WORLD--

--WHILE NOMI AND HER COMPANIONS JOURNEY
ACROSS THE GALAXY TO ONDERON, TO TAKE
UP ARMS AGAINST THE DARK SIDERS--

REPUBLIC CITY

--A SPRAWLING METROPOLIS BLANKETING THE ENTIRE SURFACE OF THE PLANET LORUSCANT.

WARMED ONLY BY A SMALL WHITE SUN, THE OLDEST AND DENSEST POPULATION CENTERS CLUSTER NEAR THE EQUATOR. THESE SECTORS CONSIST OF LAYER BUILT UPON LAYER, A GREAT MIVE OF INTELLIGENT SPECIES FROM EVERY PART OF THE GALAXY.

REPUBLIC CITY IS THE CORE WORLD WHERE THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE EVER-EXPANDING DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC DISPENSES LAWS AND DECREES TO THE ENTIRE GALAXY--

IN THE DEFENSE MINISTERS' CHAMBERS, A COMMITTEE OF SENATORS IS DEBATING THE MERITS OF ULIC GEL-PROMA'S CALL FOR ASSISTANCE.

MY FELLOW SENATORS... THE SITUATION ON ONDERON IS DETERIORATING.

WE HAVE BEEN ASKED FOR ASSISTANCE.

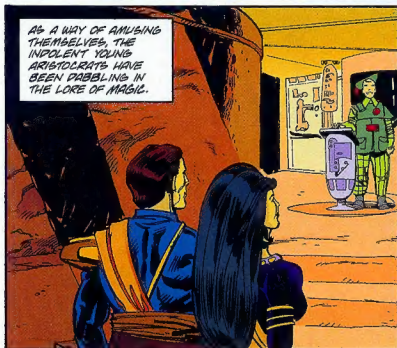
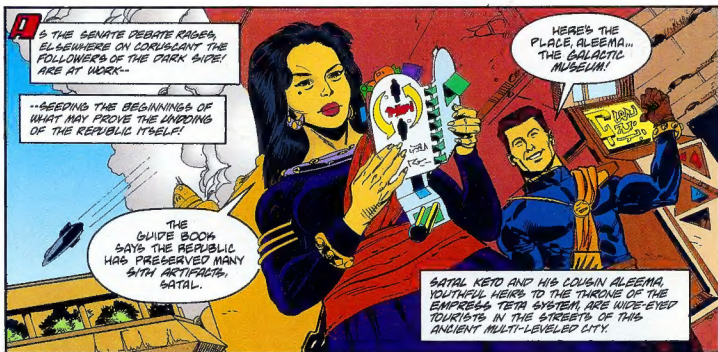
I SUGGEST THAT THE REPUBLIC FLEET MOVE AT ONCE.

QUELLING CIVIL UNREST IS ONE THING, NETUS...

...GOING UP AGAINST THE DARK SIDE IS ANOTHER.

THIS IS A MATTER FOR THE JEDI THEMSELVES TO RESOLVE.

I DISAGREE!





1 MOMENT LATER, INSIDIOUS FATE DELIVERS A SITH BOOK INTO SATAL'S HANDS.



THE PRIZE SECURED, THE YOUNG TETANS RETURN TO THEIR LODGINGS, WHERE SATAL EXAMINES THE BOOK WHILE ALEEMA SCANS THE GALACTIC NEWS REPORTS.

THIS APPEARS TO BE A COLLECTION OF MAGICAL FORMULAS...

...BUT IT'S IN A LANGUAGE I'VE NEVER SEEN.

LOOK AT THIS, SATAL...

THE SENATE HAS AGREED TO DISPATCH THE FLEET TO QUELL UNREST ON ONDERON, A WORLD ONLY RECENTLY ADMITTED TO THE REPUBLIC.

ONDERON WAS ONCE UNDER THE RULE OF FREEDON MAAD, A FOLLOWER OF THE OUTLAWED SITH...

PRACTITIONERS OF FORBIDDEN SITH MAGIC ARE SAID TO BE STILL ACTIVE IN IZIZ, ONDERON'S SINGLE GREAT CITY.

THAT'S IT, ALEEMA!

WE'LL GO TO ONDERON.

THAT'S WHERE WE'LL UNLOCK THE SECRETS OF THIS BOOK!



ENERGIZED BY THE PROSPECT OF BRINGING SOME REAL MAGICAL SECRETS HOME TO THEIR FRIENDS, THE RECKLESS YOUNG ARISTOCRATS MAKE AN UNSCHEDULED LIGHT-SPEED JUMP IN THEIR ROYAL SPACE YACHT.

COMING OUT OF HYPERSPACE OVER UNDERON, THEY FIND THE WAR FLEET OF THE REPUBLIC TAKING UP STRATEGIC POSITIONS IN LOW ORBIT.

ATTENTION, ALL SPACE TRAFFIC-- THIS IS NOW A SECURITY MILITARY ZONE!

IN RESPONSE TO THE WARNING FROM THE REPUBLIC STRIKE FORCE, SATAL DIVES HIS UNGAINLY SPACE VESSEL RIGHT THROUGH THE FLEET.

SATAL! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! YOU'LL GET US KILLED!

HOLD TIGHT, LOUSIN-- I'M NOT LETTING THE REPUBLIC GET TO THOSE SIX MAGICIANS BEFORE WE DO!